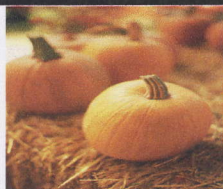




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From Your Mayor...

As we come into the fall season, we begin to look ahead into the winter months. Will we have a much harsher winter than last year or will we be lucky and experience the same weather as our previous winter?

Should we have a cold or colder winter season, are you prepared to deal with it? Do you have adequate fuel to heat your home? What will the price of oil be? What about gasoline? Will we experience electricity outages?

In addition to these questions we also need to think about those less fortunate than we are. Are you aware of residents in Woodfin who might need a little extra help this winter with heating oil or other needs? Would you be willing to help with these needs?

Woodfin has a Community Outreach program designed to work with our citizens. Donations can be made directly to this program and are tax deductible. Some projects over the past year include our "Cops for Tots" program at Christmas, heating oil assistance for some of our senior citizens and most recently the backpack program for our school children in need. In addition, some of our local churches have helped with our community needs at various times.

Woodfin has always stepped up to the plate when it came time to help our neighbors and fellow citizens, which is something I have always been proud of.

The residents and business of Woodfin make our town what it is today. For that I say "Thank you" I also want to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated employees who serve you each and every day. Regardless of the problem, they are always up to the challenge.

I look forward to working with each of you during the coming months and I always attempt to be available for you. Should you have questions or need information from me at any time, feel free to contact me.

Jerry



Leaf Pickup

The Town of Woodfin Picks Up Leaves and Brush Year Round. Please place your leaves at the curb- preferably in bags—as this reduces collection costs and prevents leaves from blowing around the neighborhood and street. Leaves and brush must contain no trash or household waste in order to be collected. If you have a question about leaf and brush pickup please call Town Hall.

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Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 9-1-1

- Woodfin Police 253-4889
- Woodfin Town Hall 253-4887
- Woodfin Public Works 645-7063
- Curbside Management—252-2532
- Woodfin Fire District 255-7561
- Woodfin Water District 253-5551
- Woodfin Community Center 253-4888.



Rent the Community Center

Looking for a great place to host your next big event? Then look no farther, the Woodfin Community Center can accommodate more than 200 of your closest friends, it comes complete with chairs, tables, a stage and a full kitchen and you can rent the building for 24 hours for only \$200 plus a \$100 refundable* security deposit. Make your reservations today by calling 253-4887.

**security deposit refund is contingent upon condition of building after use.*

Silver-Line Plastics Donates Land

Silver-Line Plastics President Ricky Silver and his father Silver-Line Plastics CEO Charles Silver attended the September 18th meeting of the Board of Aldermen and presented the Town of Woodfin with the title to 4.5 acres of land along the French Broad River.

The parcel of land in question is located at 1050 Riverside Drive—the site of the old Woodfin Trailer Park. The land in question was donated to the Town with the intent that it be developed as a public park and recreational resource for the people of Woodfin.



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"Obviously we're very pleased to accept this extraordinarily generous gift on behalf of the people of Woodfin. Silver-Line Plastics is a company that was born in this community and they and the Silver family have always made a practice of

giving back to the community. All I can say is that we are extremely grateful," commented Woodfin Mayor Jerry Ve-Haun.

Silver-Line Plastics is located at 900 Riverside Drive and is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of plastic pipe for a variety of uses. The business was founded in Woodfin in 1962 by Charles R. Silver and Charles J. Silver. The Woodfin plant (one of three production sites) is Woodfin's largest employer and is currently accepting applications. Visit slpipe.com for more info.

Chicken's & Livestock

Over the last few years populations in our area have grown significantly. Another growing trend has been the interest in backyard farming. Your Board of Aldermen have been hard at work trying to make sure that these two trends can continue without creating uncomfortable situations within our community.

While a backyard garden is unlikely to generate negative reactions from even the most difficult neighbor, raising livestock or poultry within an increasingly ur-



banized and suburbanized area has the potential to generate noise, odor, and nuisance complaints unless properly maintained. In recent months the Board of Aldermen have adopted new regulations to provide oversight for animal husbandry within the Town limits.

If you're interested in raising poultry or livestock (cows, pigs, goats, sheep, etc.) then it is important that you contact Town Hall before you begin this process in order to make sure that you know your space and condition regulations before you begin the process.

All poultry owners are required to obtain a license from the Town of Woodfin. In order to determine the rules and regulations governing the keeping of farm animals within the Town or to obtain a license please contact James Eller at 253-4887, ext. 1006



**Here's Your Chance to
Make a Difference in
Your Own Town.**

***Donations are being
accepted at Woodfin
Town Hall at 90 Elk
Mountain Road,
Woodfin, NC 28804
or can be given to
any Woodfin Police
Officer who will turn
your donation in and
have a receipt mailed
to you at your home
address.***



**As you gather with
family this Holiday
Season you'll feel bet-
ter knowing you've
helped a neighbor.**

A Community Need

It started as a simple idea, it grew into one of the finest charitable organizations anywhere, the Woodfin Police Benevolent Fund.

Years ago one of our police officers came into contact with a family shortly before Christmas that wasn't going to be able to provide any presents for their children that

year. That police officer decided to do something about it and went out and purchased a few toys, wrapped them up and took them to the family. In the intervening years this program has grown from this one small act of kindness into a program that has helped thousands of children enjoy gifts at the holiday season, put food on the tables of

hundreds of families and kept the heat going for elderly citizens in need. All of it made possible through the generous contributions of our citizens and businesses.

This year the need is as great as ever, please consider making a donation to the Woodfin Police Benevolent Fund.

How Can I Help?

You can help the Woodfin Police Benevolent Fund in several ways. Our greatest need—like any other charity—is money. We take your donations and use them directly to purchase toys, food, heating oil, clothes and other necessities for families and people in need right here in Woodfin. While our focus is always around the Holiday Season, our program works year round supplying school supplies or emergency food or clothing when necessary. Our greatest pe-

riod of need, however, are the winter months.

How else can I help? The Town is also accepting new unwrapped toys, new or gently used clothes and non-perishable food items for distribution in Town. Your generosity will make a real difference right here in your own backyard. Woodfin's program is unique in part because it is tailored to the community it serves and also because our local government takes a detailed look at the family situations we're

dealing with and tries to make sure that assistance is part of an ongoing path towards stability and self sufficiency.

You can also rest assured that your donations are going directly to help people in need, the operational costs of this program are borne through existing town operations and so your dollars are going directly to assist families in need. Please drop by Town Hall today to make a donation or put a check in the mail to Town Hall.

Change a Child, Change the World



A time for sharing

The holiday season is a historically a time for sharing. We exchange gifts and gather for special meals and services in order to share the experience of this special time of year. While our society seems to change almost daily, we hope to keep this tradition of giving alive here in Woodfin and with your help we can.

How can I help?

Helping is easy just drop a check or cash donation off at the Woodfin Town Hall during normal business hours or drop your check in the mail. In addition you can contact any Woodfin Police Officer to arrange pickup of your donation of money or unwrapped gifts. We'll provide you a receipt for your donation either at that time or in the mail a few days later.

If you'd like to find out more about this important program or simply want to help please contact the Woodfin Town Administrator or simply make a donation!

With your help we can make sure that no one is left out in the cold this Holiday Season.



When you give to the Woodfin Police Benevolent Fund you're not just giving money—you're giving hope.

Each year the Woodfin Police Benevolent Fund helps more than 200 children and at risk seniors by purchasing toys, food, clothing and heating assistance. This important program shows children in need that their community cares about them and when people are cared for it teaches them to care about others as well.

The Woodfin Police Benevolent Fund doesn't just help children, it teaches them to care about others and encourages them to respect themselves and the community they live in. This program also teaches children to give back to society as they grow older.

It has been said that, "when you change a child's life you change the world." If that's true then you can change the world today.

Please give generously.



Snowy Weather is Coming, Is Your Family Prepared?

Most years snowy, cold weather arrives in the mountains of Western North Carolina—many recent years have been worse than usual and this year is expected to be especially cold—every year calls for assistance come into Town Hall that sound familiar refrains:

"My pipes are frozen!"

"I can't get out of my driveway or down off the mountain!"

"The power's out and we're freezing!"

"The power's out and we don't have any lights!"

These problems can really impact your family's quality of life during a severe winter storm and in some cases it can impact your survival. The good news is that a lot of these problems are easily overcome with a little bit of planning and preparation. Many people who have recently moved to Town may not be familiar with some of the tried and true techniques that will help you make the best of even the trickiest winter weather and all of us could do with a refresher course now and again.

Problem one: *"My pipes are frozen!"*
When renting or buying



a home make sure that any exposed pipes whether under the house or on the exterior are well insulated. If not, now is the time to make sure that they are appropriately wrapped. Even with well insulated pipes it's a good idea to keep a few water taps dribbling in the sinks to reduce the chance that water can freeze in the pipes. Not only can frozen pipes be an inconvenience, they can be an expensive mess to clean up.

Problem two: *"I can't get out of my driveway or down off the mountain!"*
Plan ahead. If you live on top of a mountain or have a steep driveway make arrangements to park your car somewhere that it can more easily get out. Make sure that you are not parked in the street, however, because snowplows may not be able to clear your street if you park or abandon your car in the road. During severe weather a car parked in the street is subject to immediate towing if necessary to clear the street.

Speaking of clearing the streets, it's important to recognize the limitations of snow plows and salt spreading. While the Town of Woodfin consistently earns high marks for its snow clearance efforts it is impossible to entirely remove ice and snow during certain weather conditions. If the temperature is substantially below freezing salt cannot melt ice. Likewise if snow is falling at a very fast rate it is impossible for our crews to keep all streets clear of snow at all times. The Town of Woodfin manages more than 30 miles of roads and contains another 30 miles of state maintained roads. Keeping these roads passable is an operation that often requires 24 hour shifts from our public works crew. Streets are cleared on the basis of the following criteria: 1. major traffic arteries, 2. streets that are deemed treacherous, 3. major side streets, 4. secondary side streets. This system is designed to maximize the flow of traffic and maximize public safety. If your street is

not clear please call Town Hall at 828.253.4887 or email jasonyoung@woodfin-nc.gov, but also please understand that there is an method to how streets will be cleared.

Problems three and four: *"The power's out and we're freezing!"*

"The power's out and we don't have any lights!"

We put these two problems together because they have a common solution, prepare an emergency kit. Winter weather is coming and power outages are a fact of life in this region when snow and ice arrive. Prepare now to ensure that your winter is one of happy memories rather than teeth chattering, darkness and hunger. At a minimum your winter survival kit should include: flashlights, ample supply of prescription medicines, bottled water, ready to eat foods such as crackers or ready to eat meals that don't require cooking, books/board games, a radio, blankets, and an alternative source of heat that doesn't need electricity. *Follow these tips and your winter storm experience will be significantly better.* **Contact Town Hall for more information. We'll be glad to help and remember, it's easier to solve a problem before it starts.**



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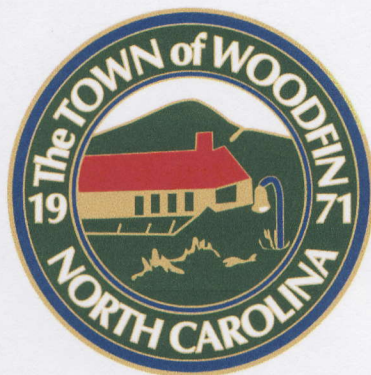
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"Where Community Matters!"



What's Happening Around Town...

As usual there's a lot of things going on in the Woodfin Community, unless you're attending Board of Aldermen meetings—which are regularly the 3rd Tuesday of every month—or reading the paper closely it's easy to miss out on important matters that are taking place. With that in mind we'd like to give you a few quick updates on a variety of things...

Sidewalk Construction:

Over the last few weeks the Town has been working on building its latest phase of sidewalks, located along Elk Mountain Road. The Board of Aldermen adopted a master plan last year that proposes the creation of a system of sidewalks, greenways and other intermodal transit networks to let our citizens get from point a to point b without getting behind

the wheel. Construction on this phase is likely to last well into October and the Town has received a Safe Routes to School grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to pay for most of the costs associated with construction.

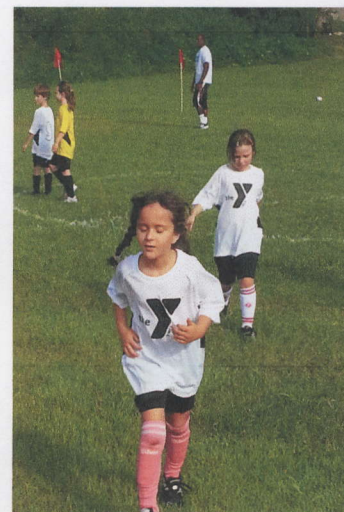
Signalization Improvements:

For years the motoring public has struggled with the intersection of Senator Reynolds Blvd, Weaverville Rd. and North Woodfin Ave. Soon those struggles may be a distant memory. Through a special project grant NCDOT is assisting the Town of Woodfin in widening Weaverville Rd. at this intersection, establishing a turn lane and installing traffic lights. With these improvements in place it is expected that traffic safety and the general flow of traffic will be improved. Con-

struction on this project is slated to begin in the next few weeks, although final completion will probably not take place till Spring.

Community Center:

Anyone who hasn't visited the Woodfin Community Center ball field lately has missed some big changes. The ball field has been a community institution for almost half a century, but in recent years has been slightly neglected. Over the last few months, however, the Town has partnered with the Woodfin Y to dramatically improve the appearance and quality of the field while adding some excellent new programming. Among the improvements are: renovated bathrooms, repainted dugouts and several other modifications.



The Town of Woodfin is pleased to be working with the Woodfin YMCA to Improve the Woodfin Community Center Ball Field.